

Delmarva Agriculture Data
Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

BC-28-08

07/09/2008

PLACEMENTS DOWN 9%

For the week ending July 05, 2008, growers placed 10.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 8.6% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (10.9 million) decreased 8.6% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 13.3 million, a decrease of 5.2% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 12.0 million for the week ending June 28, 2008 compared to 12.0 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
05/10/2008	14,207	13,824	11,870	11,883	12,018	12,099
05/17/2008	14,146	13,791	11,866	11,156	12,000	11,202
05/24/2008	14,121	13,758	11,694	11,658	11,795	11,716
05/31/2008	14,289	13,592	11,846	11,645	11,938	11,734
06/07/2008	14,342	13,963	11,820	11,603	11,912	11,771
06/14/2008	14,327	13,136	11,810	11,614	11,900	11,923
* 06/21/2008	14,334	14,079	11,889	11,523	12,305	11,816
* 06/28/2008	13,559	13,350	11,931	11,656	12,023	11,654
07/05/2008	14,059	13,332	11,973	10,942	11,974	10,942

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	07/12/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	80.15	77.85	77.67	81.09
12-City Composite 2/	86.34	83.61	82.82	80.68

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	32,731	32,740	*31,492	31,350	29,705	28,779
AR	27,203	26,918	*26,137	26,337	*26,620	26,069
DE	3,721	3,718	3,630	3,647	3,495	3,573
FL	1,346	1,356	1,341	1,341	1,346	1,351
GA	34,121	34,119	34,260	*34,231	33,955	32,653
KY	8,194	*8,168	*7,405	7,713	7,461	7,963
LA	3,620	3,651	3,642	3,651	3,651	3,651
MD	8,601	8,976	8,236	*9,162	*8,594	8,618
MS	18,981	19,074	18,930	18,761	18,624	18,772
NC	19,359	19,169	*19,116	19,089	18,949	18,364
OK	7,191	7,270	*6,850	6,987	7,240	7,170
PA	4,592	4,474	4,539	4,550	*4,525	4,309
SC	5,490	5,769	5,260	5,317	5,539	5,348
TX	*15,699	*15,787	*15,876	*15,897	*14,714	15,700
VA	6,242	6,199	6,476	6,315	6,306	6,099
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,841	20,058	*19,771	*19,594	*19,173	19,522
19 State Total	*216,932	*217,446	*212,961	*213,942	*209,897	207,941
Previous Year Total	218,990	219,184	217,590	216,287	210,141	216,018
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	98	99	100	96

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Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 5, 2008. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	May 31 2008	Jun 7 2008	Jun 14 2008	Jun 21 2008	Jun 28 2008	Jul 5 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,497	22,140	22,327	22,049	*21,816	21,269
AR	23,748	23,671	24,314	24,638	*22,783	22,988
DE	5,206	5,127	4,521	*4,361	*5,208	4,213
FL	1,383	1,146	1,136	1,224	1,216	1,315
GA	28,993	29,052	28,012	*28,934	*29,311	28,537
KY	*6,020	*6,508	*6,918	*6,457	*7,095	6,344
LA	3,683	3,794	3,742	3,755	3,632	3,456
MD	5,602	5,939	6,308	*6,773	*6,114	6,083
MS	17,259	17,348	17,262	17,186	17,283	16,882
NC	16,076	16,047	16,010	*15,580	16,328	15,649
OK	4,608	4,801	4,917	3,810	5,109	4,513
PA	3,191	3,278	3,414	3,373	*3,373	3,393
SC	4,756	4,726	5,494	5,220	*4,044	4,726
TX	12,416	*12,997	*13,156	*13,200	*13,260	13,363
VA	4,858	5,202	5,287	4,911	4,440	4,865
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,671	*18,157	16,595	17,773	18,146	16,914
19 State Total	*176,967	*179,933	*179,413	*179,244	*179,158	174,510
Previous Year Total	180,055	180,462	179,754	180,026	178,938	178,318
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	100	100	100	100	98

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 5, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through July 5, 2008 were 4.81 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.